



WORDS FROM *Pastor Randy*

Henry C. Morrison was a faithful missionary who served the Lord in Africa for over 40 years. He recalls that emotional day when he and his wife boarded a ship on their way back to the United States. His mind flooded with memories of the wonderful experiences they had enjoyed on the mission field. He began wondering what it would be like to return to his Midwestern hometown. "Will anyone there still remember us?"

Aboard that same ship that day with Henry and his wife was the President of the United States, Teddy Roosevelt. He was returning from a big game hunting trip in Africa.

When the ship pulled into the New York harbor there were thousands of people there to greet the arriving President. The crowds were cheering and the bands were playing. There were signs, banners and billboards everywhere saying, "Welcome Home".

The dear missionary and his wife with their luggage in hand quietly made their way to the deck of the ship to exit. No one had come to welcome them back home. There were no bands playing or banners flying in their honor.

Henry Morrison went to his hotel room with a rather heavy heart. As he sat there on the bed, he asked his wife, "Honey, for 40 years we poured our lives into ministry and service. And yet we come back to America and not a single soul comes to welcome us home!"

His wife came and sat down next to her husband. She put her hand on his shoulder, and said to him, "Henry, you have forgotten something, you're not home yet!"

What great words those are! "We're not home yet." The songwriter put it this way, "This world is not our home. We're just a passing through. Our treasures are laid somewhere beyond the blue. The angels beckon me from Heaven's opened door. And I can't feel at home in this world anymore."

You see, no matter what takes place here in this life, we are going home to Heaven someday. Our real rewards are there.

When Satan causes us to question the futility of serving the Lord and giving our life to the work of God, when he causes us to wonder if what we're doing for Jesus really matters and if there's anybody paying attention, when he causes us become disappointed with others and frustrated with the lack of results, when our heart wants to question and the trials of this world seem too heavy to bear, remember that we are going home to heaven one of these days. The HEAVEN BORN are indeed HEAVEN BOUND!

We're not here to stay. Our real home waits in Heaven. Paul spoke of it in Philippians 3:20, "*For our conversation (citizenship) is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.*"

May we live to hear His immortal words, "*Well done thou good and faithful servant.*" Then and there, it will be worth it all!

So, if no ticker-tape parade you ever get for your service for Christ . . . just remember that there will be a welcoming party like you've never seen before . . . when all God's Children make our grand entrance into the celestial city called Heaven. Welcome Home!

Thinking about that day,

Pastor Randy

"Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in.

Aim at earth you will get neither. . . . C.S. Lewis

Trivia That Isn't Trivial

1. Who said, "Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other"?
2. What was the name of the high priest's servant who had his ear cut off by the Apostle Peter?
3. While this man was hanging in a tree, he was killed by three darts from Joab.

ANSWERS

1. Solomon (1 Kings 3:15, 25)
2. Malchus (John 18:10)
3. Absalom (2 Samuel 18:14)